As a public school teacher in Regional School District 18, who works in both of our Lyme-Old Lyme elementary schools, <u>I am opposed</u> to the forced regionalization of schools being proposed in Senate Bill 457, Senate Bill 738 and Governor's Bill SB874. I am opposed to these bills because, if passed, they would negatively affect the quality of education in Lyme and Old Lyme, split our school community apart, as well as harm property values and our quality of life. I believe decisions involving regionalization of education and school services should be made locally, not by politicians!

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